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Atty. Docket No. SHM-98-005-5

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In re application of: SHINPEI OKAJIMA, et al.

Application No. 10/001,700

Filed: November 21, 2001

Group Art Unit: 3618

For: SNOWBOARD BINDING

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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By: *Elizabeth J. Deland*

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- ☐ Enclosed is a petition to extend time to respond.
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 with copies of cited references.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503).

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

|   | CLAIMS<br>REMAINING<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT |       | HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR | PRESENT<br>EXTRA |
|---|---|-------|---------------------------------------|------------------|
| TOTAL   | 37  | MINUS | 28                                    | 9                |
| INDEP.  | 11  | MINUS | 3                                     | 8                |
| [ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM |   |       |                                       |                  |

| SMALL ENTITY        |               |
|---------------------|---------------|
| RATE                | ADDIT.<br>FEE |
| x9=                 | \$            |
| x42=                | \$            |
| +140=               | \$            |
| TOTAL<br>ADDIT. FEE | \$            |

| OTHER THAN A<br>SMALL ENTITY |               |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| RATE                         | ADDIT.<br>FEE |
| 9x18=                        | \$162         |
| 8x84=                        | \$672         |
| +280=                        | \$            |
| TOTAL                        | \$834         |

- ☐ No fee is due.
- ☒ Claims fee \$ 834
- ☐ Extension of time fee \$
- ☐ IDS fee \$
- ☒ A check for \$ 834 is enclosed.

Two copies of this sheet are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Commissioner:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed November 19, 2002. Kindly amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 48, 51, 53, 55, 63, 70, 71 and 72 as follows:

48. (Twice Amended) A snowboard binding mechanism for securing a cleat adapted to be attached to a snowboard boot to a snowboard, comprising:

a front main body adapted to be affixed to the snowboard, said front main body including a cleat receiving opening for receiving a front tab of a cleat;

a rear main body adapted to be affixed to the snowboard;

a latch pivotally mounted to said rear main body to pivot between an engaged position and a release position, said latch including a notch for receiving a rear tab of a cleat;

a spring mounted on said rear main body, said spring arranged to bias said latch toward said engaged position; and

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